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Six protesters to face charges

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BOULDER — The majority of people arrested during Monday's anti-CIA demonstration at the University of Colorado will not be charged with any crime, but six people who went beyond the call of protest duty will be prosecuted.

The Boulder County District Attorney's office announced today that six of the 210 people arrested at CU will be charged with misdemeanors ranging from obstructing an officer to resisting arrest.

According to a press release from the district attorney's office, the majority of protesters conducted themselves in accordance with an agreement reached between the police agencies and members of the Community In Action group, which planned last spring's anti-CIA protest and organized Monday's event.

Last spring, District Attorney Alex Hunter decided not to prosecute any of the 478 people arrested during three days of protests.

But the DA will press charges against Cindy Pieropan, 24, for attempted trespass and interference in a public building, which are class three misdemeanors and carry a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$750 fine. The DA will also press charges against Mark W. Rolofson, 26, and Stanely Tolle, 31, on similar grounds.

Three other protesters were charged Monday for exceeding acceptable expression of their First Amendment rights, the release said. Mark Fearer, 29, director of the Boulder Tenants Union, was ar-

rested for obstructing a peace officer, interference with staff and resisting arrest. The resisting arrest charge is a class two misdemeanor and carries a maximum penalty of 12 months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. The DA also charged Michelle Keranen, 23, and Joseph Abner, 21, with class three misdemeanors. Abner pleaded guilty to charges Thursday and was released after serving four days in jail.

According to Assistant District Attorney Bill Wise, the three people charged today allegedly scaled a wall and entered a second story window during Monday's protest.

"The six people being charged went beyond the agreement and did things to threaten property," Wise said.

According to Kevin Harris, student representative for Community In Action, none of the people arrested were members of the group. Harris said the protest group and the police agreed that if people wanted to be arrested they could walk peacefully into waiting police vans. "This issue is still not finished on campus," Harris said today. "We are still not sure if the CIA will be back to recruit people on campus in the spring, but if they are we will be back."

"We would like to arrest them," Harris said. "We would like to eventually get them off campus." Harris said Monday's demonstration was a victory for the protest group because it proved the community is serious about its beliefs. "Last spring most people thought we were just kids having fun in the sun," Harris said. "But we disproved that by having people out in the cold and risking arrest. We are here to stay and they have to deal with us."